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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: U-2 Electronics Package

1. On 9 July 1963, a follow-up meeting was held to discuss the U-2 electronics "package". Present at the meeting were [REDACTED] OEL and representatives of EAD, Commo, Operations, Materiel, and the undersigned. During the discussion, three contractor proposals on the "package" were reviewed to insure the representatives of the various offices that their inputs, which were surfaced at a previous meeting, had been incorporated into the proposals. It was found that some of these inputs had not been considered in the proposals. A major item omitted from two of the proposals was the provision for incorporating [REDACTED]. The addendums to these proposals are due in about 30 days. It was agreed at this point that each of the two sets of proposals, passive and active, would be judged separately, and if necessary, the system study contract could be let to two different contractors.

2. The meeting adjourned with the agreement that EAD will prepare a System Data Log including specifications for both the passive and active portions of the system, and an additional meeting will be held as soon as participating offices have digested the current (passive system) and subsequent (active system) proposals to select the contractor or contractors for the passive and active systems.

3. An interesting aspect of these proposals was the use of a center line, detachable pod to house the integrated package. CD/D/FA agreed that this was most acceptable to them in that it would eliminate

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many maintenance access problems. OD/D/FA acknowledged that if the electronics equipment could not be housed entirely within the aircraft, the center line pod appeared to be the next most suitable solution. It was agreed that before a final determination was made on this aspect, LAC would have to make an aerodynamic feasibility study.

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